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Jobless rates down in 114 counties from January 2011 to January 2012

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EDITOR'S NOTE: January's preliminary and December's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at http://workforce.ky.gov/Jan12charts.pdf. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 15, 2012) — Unemployment rates fell in 114 Kentucky counties between January 2011 and January 2012, while five county rates increased and one stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 6.9 percent. It was followed by Webster County, 7.2 percent; Fayette County, 7.3 percent; Oldham County, 7.5 percent; Boone County, 7.7 percent; Union County, 7.8 percent; Henderson County, 7.9 percent; Madison and Shelby counties, 8 percent each; and Hopkins County, 8.1 percent.

Fulton County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 17.7 percent. It was followed by Magoffin and Menifee counties, 16.8 percent each; Jackson County, 16.1 percent; McCreary County, 14.9 percent; Wolfe County, 14.8 percent; Bell and Clay counties, 14.2 percent each; Lewis County, 14 percent; and Wayne County, 13.9 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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